Sketch of the Philanthropist Who Has Civen Away 87,000,000 in Charities—Descrip-tion of Ris House and Library—His Remintecence of the Presidents Since Washington-Daniel Webster's Necessities.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

WARHINGTON, Dec. 27. To-day there are eighty-nine roses in the wreath of years were by Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the noted photonthropistor this city, and the event is being ry quietly celebrated owing to Mr. Corcornia enfeebled state of health. He his not fully recovered from his illness of Sunday, but is cheerful, and will, undoubtedly, be as well as usual in a few

Yesterday I called upon him in his library. An American eagle, the gift of one of his friends, looked down from the top of one of the book-cases as he falked, and rare old portraits, currous carv ings and mementos of persons and travel met the eve at every turn. Beside the carle was a framed photograps of Mrs. Cleveland, presented by her to Mr. Corcoran, and above this was an oil-pointing of his old friend, George Peabody, who is pernaps his only rival in the world's history of money-making and philanthropy. A little further on is a por-trait of Humboldt, and on another case stands a pronse statuette of Frederick William of Prussia. Mr. Corcoran dined with this King in 1855, in com pany with Von Humboldt, and he bought this statuette the day before he lett Berlin.

The statuette of Daniel Web ter near this represents one of the dearest friends of his life and Web-

s or penned the last letter he ever wrote to Mr. Corcoran. In one of Ma speeches he said that Corcoran, above all the men he ever knew, had done his duty, and it was in this very house that Webster lived when he was Secretary of State. It was bought for

W. CORCORAN. him by his Boston friends, and when Webleft the Cabinet he found that he could not afford to keep up so expensive an establishment and Mr. Corcoran became its owner. He also became Daniel Webster's banker, and though the information does not come from him, I am told that Webster went to Corcoran whenever he was in need of money and that his notes were always cashed. As he grew older his debts became greater, and one day, after Webster had made his extraordinary speeth on the Missouri Compromise in the Senate, Mr. Webster received a package of papers from Mr. Corcoran containing the cancellation of all his indebtedness to him. The Corcoran mansion is grander now than it was when Webster dined and wined the diplomats within it. Wings have been added to it and it has been so changed that it appears more like the country home of some French objeman and it is one of the most beautiful priware nouses in the United States. Facing Lafayette Square, it is just opposite the White House, and its material is of red pressed brick and brown stone, An iron fence, upped with gold, incloses its front



ard, and its walled gardens comprise nearly slock of the most valuable ground of the capital. Its style is that of the Italian Renaissance, and it is rich, but not gandy, and both exterior and interior show exquisite taste. Brown-stone steps ead to a wide front door and a pull at the silver bell brings a servant to the visitor. The entrance hall produces an effect upon you like that of an Italian palace, with white pillars, and the vista which get from the north corridor and the grand salon at the left, Enished in white and gold, teminds you of the rooms of Fontahoene in or Ver-sailles. This room used to be the picture gallery, saliles. This room used to be the picture railery, and a rew the paintings still remain upon its walls. Its ceiling its 7 feet high and it is about three times the length of an ordinary partor, or 4s feet, and it \$25 feet wide. An antique cabout stands against the wall, its inner doors panelled with gems from the old masters. Mirrors reflect the salin-coverse inmiture from different sides of the room, and there is an air of quiet comfort pervaying the whole which you do not ind in rich men's houses where less faste is diplayed. At the fight there is a partor with a celling fourteen feet high, and this room is equally well furnished. Its windows look out upon the White House, and I caught a liunged of Miles's statue of Jackson through them as I passed on lo Mr. Corcorau's horary.

HIS EPLENDED LIBRARY. This library is finished in natural wood and is so This library is finished in natural wood and is so napered that it appears to be waited with old English cat. Old oar chairs and solas are costly scattered about it. An oak desk covered with Obristians presents stands to the centre and richly carved ask bookcases line the waits. The library ceiling is twenty-negat feet nigh and its heat light comes from the glass in the vaulted roof. The windows are of stained glass and the furniture was made in Parts. The rich oak mantel, which reactes to the ceiling, has carved figures which would honor the great cathedral at Antwerp, and this mantel alone great cathedral at Antwerp, and this mantel alone

Pari. The rich oak mantel, which reaches to the selling, has carved figures which would honor the great cathedral at Antworp, and this mantel alone cost \$2,000. It has figures representing flistory and a fluogarian hunter on cach side of its mirror, and the round clock, which stands over the flieplace, is sell into its centre.

The bookcases are faul of Fare volumes of the classics of all languages. They, are chiefy English editions and they comprise over five thou-and volumes. The most valuable books atmong them, however, are the bound private letters of Mr. Corcoran. There are fourteen of these and they are great fat tomes, each of which is nearly the size of a dictionary. These contain letters from Wousier, Clay, Cahoan, Filinore, Tier, Bachanan, Amos Kendali and other notes men of our past history, and with these are bound letters from the most cole is cientists and litterators. There are many private letters from You Humboldt among them, and they comprise a correspondence which will make a fortune for Mr. Corcoran's blographer. He has been during two-there's of a century on the most infimate terms with Presidents, Senators, foreign Ministers and others, and there are few poten men who have come to America whom he has not known well. He values these letters above money, and a chase to will give at his death to his grandchildrea. Only three hundred copies have been printed, and they are scaled up and locked away until that time. He calls it a grandfather's leggery to his grandchildren, and his secretary, Mr. Hyde, telis me that his own recollections comprise \$200 pages of most interesting matter.

A NOBLE CREED,

I don't think Mr. Corcoran has ever cared for money for money's sake, and I cannot better sum up his life than in the quotation of his dedication of this grandfather's legacy:

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The Hy Grandfather's:

As a private indistinct, in spired by an appropriation of my relations to my follow-man, I have, from early youth to did age, enticeavored to be just to all and enterous to the deserving. Hiessed by kind Providence with larger possessions stant commonly fail to the lot of m.c. I have regarded them as a sacred trust for the benefit of knowledge, truth and charity. My reward has been an approving conscience and the gratifying appreciation of many good and greet man, whose textimones I have preserved in this volume for you.

Many of the letters in this collection afford melanchely evidences of the mutability of human affairs, and a permeal of toom will suggest to you the propriety of endeavoring to unitivate a spirit prepared to bear with equammity the vicustudes of forcane which may swart his shost prosperous confliction.

The most valuable bequest I can make you is a good fame, and I feel assured you will obstitute, for its price above robuse. Your affectionate grantifather, whig I, 1878.

These are modest words from a man who has had

\$2,000,000, has given American art a firm estab-lishment at the capital of our nation, and it, and the achools and colleges to which he has so liberally given, will keep up their good work after he has passed away.

His involument to the author of "Home, Sweet Home," cost thousands of dollars, and it is due to min that Join Inward Para elects upon American and to the Influence of nument to the author of "Home, Sweet Courtemy, the Ear, of Devonehire:

What we gave we have, What we spent we had, What we left we lost,' "

Mr. Coreoran uttered these words in strong chest tones, and his dark blue eyes shone with intellect-nal vigor as they looked into mine.

A PEN PIOTURE.

What a wonderful man he is! Tall, stratgat and broad-shouldered, in a decade ore he will have onlived three generations of en, and \$1, mind is to-day as olear as the wat re emic to may supper. His body, borring his slight ermic to may supper. His body, borring his slight aradin stoke, works as will as when, text ago, to was one of the best horseback roles in the Desired of Columbia. His diseased does not trouble him and he sleeps like a plough-boy. He enjoys his old age, and he tells me that he attributes his good health to a long life of temperance and to the fact that his good constitution has never been injured by excesses of any sort. Up to tast summer he had not known a sick day, and though his hair is like strands of sliver his face shows few winkles. He has a remarkable beas.

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Live of nil-fratured and handsome, its forehead is broad, high and intellectual. Its nose is siraight must be though a like with its firm, but pleanant. The liw is as strong as that we Sam R. mist, but it is more clean strong as that we Sam R. mist, but it is more clean count, and the libest about it are more gentle.

or, Corcoran's mustache is of itosted silver, and as features show all the signs, of culture. He treases in exquisite taste, and there is no better seture of the fashionable gentleman of to-day, its clotnes are of the finest material and the latest ut, though there is nothing snobbish or striking pin in his dark necktie.



THE CORCORAN ART GALLERY. Here the Georgetown, his father was Mayor of that wildage waen Washington had he existence, and Mr. Corcerin noids among his valued possessions to-day the house in walch he first saw light, and in his will he has expressed a desire that the old home he kept in the lamily. He started business life very young, having had a taste of classical education and a stort term in the Georgetown College. At sixteen years of age, when his father hall been appointed by Presiden Madson Fostmaster of Georgetown he loft school, couldray to his lege. At sixteen years of age, when his father had been appointed by President Madison Fostmaster of Georgetown, he left school, confrary to his father's wishes, and went that the dry-goods store of his brothers, James and Thomas Coreviau. It addits became so apporent that they established him two years later in a store of his own, and he subceeded went until the panic of 1823, when on one day \$28,000 of his bills recludic went to protest. The result was he failed, the was at this time twenty-five years of age, and he compromised with some of his creditors at 50 per cent, and from others received a discharge was at this time twenty-five years of age, and he compromised who some of his creditors at 50 per cent., and from ethers received a discharge in full. In 1841, however, he had made a second fortune, and he then computed the interest due from himself and his brothers to each of these creditors, and, adding this to the principal, he paid the sum in full, which was then more than double the original amount. From dry goods he went to benking, first as an employee and afterwards as partner, and for years the firm of Carcoran A Rirgs -tood as high here as that of the Hothschnian in London. He took charge of the Mexican boans when no one clas would handle them, and phased a part of them in six of the wealthiest houses in London. He hought United States securies kinself and made a fortune out of their rise when he New York bankers predicted that the country was going to ruin. He has deant largely in roal estate, and his secretary, Mr. Hyde, tells me that he can do onsiness as well to-day as at any period of his life, and that one of his characteristics is the having of an immediate shawer to any proposition, business of otherwise, and of knowing his own mind and saying it.

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in 1854 the firm of Corcoran & Riggs was dissolved, and at this time Mr. Corcoran retired from prilve basiness. During the last peneration he and only attended to his own fortune, to the cunivation

charity.

I asked him to-day whether he thought the chances for making a fortune were as good now as when he was young. He replied:

"They are better. The world offers everything to men of brains, nonesty sind industry, and the young man of this character never had such opportunities as he has now. If you asked my suvece, however, to young men, I would urge them to go west to the new States and Peritorles, for no mental as without himself. west to the new States and Territories, for no project is without honor save in his own country, and the young man is shackles by being the son of his father, no matter how great his father may have been. I say this notwinstending the last that I was born within a nile of where I now live, and that such success as I have made has been under different conditions."

"How many Presidents Mr. Corcoran, can you remember?"

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"I have known all the Presidents since Washington. I was born, you know, the year before washineten died, and I saw deferson while he was in the White House. His business egent, Mr. John Barnes, respice at Georgelown, and President defers an of on rode over to see him. He sat his fiery horse well, and he would gailed up the sate and throw the bridle over the post in front of the store. I afterwards visited him at Montlecho and became somewhat acquainted with his great ability. I saw John Adams at his home in Quincy, Mass. I remember he was lying on the lounge when I came in. He gave me his hand and, during my enat with him, I found his mind origin and clear. He referred to his old age and, pointing to his weakened body, said: "My physical house is out order and the landford hos warned me that he will make no further repairs." President Madison I

weakened body, said: 'My physical notice is out of order and the landford has warned me that he will make no further repairs.' President Madison I knew well during his Presidency and I have visited aim at Montpelier. Body Madison and myself were acquained for years, and John Quincy Adams did nie banking business with me. As for such young men as Polk, Pierce and Buchanan, I of course knew them, and during the tour I took through Europe, in 1865, President Filmore was with me. And so Mr. Corcoran went on, and his whole talk of the afternoon seemed based on the principle of 'Madice toward none and charity for all," Its seemed at peace with all the world, and he has one of the kingest hearts that ever ruled a human soul. He is the greatest giver in the world to-day, and his tenefactions are more profuse as the years go on. The demands upon him, however, would eat up a forting buyer han the surplus in the Treasury, and Mr. Hyde, his secretary, tells me that the doctors have fortheden hum to see his begging letters. Mr. Corcoran's private secretary has grown old in his service. His hair is as white as load of his culef, and he has attended to his employer's business for forty years. He tells me that the iciters down in by the hundreds a wock, and this the major part of them hever go further than the waste-basket. If Mr. Corcoran sees them he is kept awake at might by their stories of woe, and they have increased so of late years that it is impossible to answer many of them. THE CALLS MADE UPON HIM.

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Among those received within the last few days is one from a young Englishman who wanted \$2,000 to make up a shortage in his accounts with his empoyer, and another is from a Frenchman, who coolly asked 6.000 frames by return man. A Virginia giri inclosed a slip of slik and requested that Mr. Coreoran send a dress-pattern like it for a ball which was to take place next week, and a Belsware woman, who stated that an husband is worth \$50,000, wants Mr. Coreoran to give her enough to make her independent, so that she can uraw cheeks without bonkering her busband. She says she will be giad to have Mr. Coreoran come and visit her at her home during the peace season and enjoy her fruit. Another lady lacomically says, "I want a barrel of mess pork and I want you to send it to me." This letter amused Mr. Coreoran, and he sent the pork as requested. The result was that the next mail brought a request for another barrel. And so it goes on.

It will be easily seen that it is impossible to supply such demands, and that any fortune, however large, would soon be dissipated by them.

Two Small Fires.

These are modest words from a man who has had the career of William Wilsen Corcorns, and his good hame is certainly greater than all he swealth. He has given away furce-fourths of all he has even cond. It will coat him fives to replace his furnimous to nearry to core, and in sums of over \$5,000 his tenefactions amount to nearry \$6,000,000. In small sums he has given away \$1,500,000, and his purse is always open. The people who have getned by his benevolences are numbered by the thousands, and the Corcorns Gailery, which is endowed with John Mahon's two-story frame house at 524 First avenue got on fire from a Christmas tree at 2.30

IN A MYSTICAL CONCLAVE.

PUZZLE-MAKERS MEET UNDER THE SHADOW OF A BRO ZE SPRINK.

Ella Wheeler-Wilcox's Poem Again the Cause of Controversy-Students of Cryptology Discussing Knotty Subjects at Their Semi-Annual Meeting-What Puzziers Are and How They Puzzie.

The Eastern Puzzlers' League held its semi-an-

nual meeting at Marshall Hall, Twenty-fourth street and Sixth avenue, yesterday. Persons in the every-day hurly-burly of busy life may wonder whit mitter of minimal pressure and why truly hould not meetings. The organization claims as its members specialties in cryptology, though Ignatius Donnelly is not among the number. There are also students in hieroglyphics and philology, and, in fact, the whole organization is composed of those who find food for study and research in the intricacles of language, and especially in that branch exemplified o-day by what is known as secret cipher and ordinary practical puzzies, such as appear in different we kly aublications. A number of bright litermy young men figure me its members, and all are known in their world by different noms de plume and are either puzzte-makers, collors of puzzie deheir occult seience. There were present the following members:

P. E. L. Munyan, "Assero," Polladelphia; D. H. Latimer, "Dan Knight," of the Temperance Adrocate, Philadelphia; Juo. B. Leary, "Delmonte," Potomae, Va.; W. H. Lewis, "Damon, Washington; George E. Luther, "Pepper, Milwankov; Thos. B. Marcho, Cindigena, Was angton; Caas, S. Mason, "Chas:n," Jersey City; H. H. Mason, "Vulcan," Somerville, Mass.; Jno. W. McClain, "Hindoo," Philadelphia; Jas. S. McGee, "Mack," of the Wesnington Post; A. J. Meister, "Will Dexter," of the North American, Philadelphia: Thos. A. Miller, Namel Lee, 'Detroit, 'W. J. Moora, 'Nomes, 'Nowark; W. B. Moora, income, 'Nowark; W. B. Moora, income, 'Will-LAm,' Newark, N. J. Chas, G. Moora, 'Moses, 'Done, Cannon, 'Pa.; Chas, Nucen, 'Will-LAm,' Done, 'Nowark, 'I. Chas, 'No. Moora, 'Moses, 'Nowark, 'Done, 'Ann. M. Null, 'Tyre,' Martin, W. J. Cannon, 'Pa.; Chas, 'No. Martin, 'No. 'Ann. M. Null, 'Tyre,' Martin, 'W. J. Capita, 'Poladel pink, 'Ed. Ward, 'M. Labert, 'No. College, 'Poladel pink, 'Ed. Ward, 'M. Labert, 'No. College, 'Poladel pink, 'Ed. Ward, 'M. Labert, 'No. College, 'Poladel pink, 'Ed. Ward, 'M. Labert, 'No. Ward, 'No. College, 'No. 'Nancy Lee," Detroit; W. J. Moore, 'Romeo, Newark; W. B. Morningstern, "Will-I-Am," Newark, N. J.; Chas. G. Moses, "Moses," Dun-

the faces of about one hundred and forty studiouslooking deverges sitting around the fail. Some
were in the calification information to easily teens, others grizzied, gray and bale, but they seemed to be
apon easy terms of congeniality and discussed in
subduct whispers the different matters to be
orought before the meeting.

On the Freedent's desk at the east end of the hall
a large broaze Sphux, the goddess of the fraterinty, gozer solidly down upon the room, but
seemed in no wise impressed by the scene. On
either size of the antique Rigottan puzzler was an
obelisk of hammere towns covered with ancient
characters. At intervals around the room, but
suspended chars, whose inscriptions were evidentity in sanserit. A large blackboard was covcred with commantions of words unmistakably
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Reports of the different committees were read detailing the progress and perfection of the art. Then the chief disances of the convention was opened. "E.Z. 2.," of Colorado, stood accused of placiarism, the grossest crime in puzzledom's decalogue. The circomstances of the case were as follows: The Colorado man is a poet and had sung of the inspiring becautes and wild grandeur of the illimitable West, but, unlike Joaquin Milier, sought a imited field and breatned his imagery into diality character that were published in all of the prominent puzzle departments in the confirty. In the November issue of the Newton's Puzzler was published a poetical characte over his nom de piume, but it was not iong before it was discovered that the verses were stolen from Elia Wheeler-Wilcox, the particular poem in question awaying been the subject of an interesting controversy some years ago between the poet and Col. Joyce, of Washington. Both claimed its authorship, but it has sluce been firmly esta-dished that the lines are Mrs. Wilcox's. The latest chamant to the authorship of the verses had, in coaverting it into a characte, transposed the verses. It orthally reads as follows: had, in converting it into a charade, transpose the verses. It originally reads as follows:

Verses. It of the world laught with you;
Weep, and you weep slose;
For this lirawe old early must borrow its mirth,
it has troubles amough of its own,
Sing, and the falls will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the ar;
The across bound to a joyful sound,
But shruk from voicing dars.

Boloice, and men will seek you; there, and they turn and go; They want full messare of all your pleasure, Bu, they do not want your wee, Be clad, and your friends are many; He sad, and your friends are many; There are none to decline your nectar'd wine, But alone you must drink life's gail.

Feast, and your halls are grounded;
Fast, and the world goes by;
Rucceed and gire and it helps you live,
But no man can help you die.
There is room in the hells of pleasure
For a long and a lordly train.
But one by one we must all libe on
Through the narrow assess of pain.

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'Mand Lyun" moved that the plagiarizing brother should be forever departed from correspondence with departments conducted by the members of the League, whereupon 'Gilver Oldbuck,' one of the oldest members, with a partiarchal brard of showy whitness, suggested that the accused have an opportunity to vimitate himself. ''G. U. N.," the cilitor, in whose monthly the versea were printed, and who made the original charge, accounted the suggestion and modified

editor, in whose monthly the verses were printed, and who made the original charge, accepted the suggestion and modified his charges, "Mand Lynn" raised a strong objection, and held that the association should be placed on record as having taken a decided stand in the matter. The charge was one at which all honest puzzlers would blush with shame. On a votell was decided to give the Colorado poet six months to explain.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted on the death of Gerge Haywood, "Hob's," of Rutherford, N. J., who, besides being a prominent puzzle poet, was a well-known contributor to the comic press of the country, and also on the death of Gerge Haywood, "Hob's," of Rutherford, Pleon of the editors of the Temperance Emmer.

For some time there has been a strained feeling between the League and the Conundrum Club, whose meeting-place is on Debacey street, this city, and the hatchet was formally buried by the adoption of a motion for the appointment of a committee to convey the greetings of the League to the latter. A committee was appointed to arrange preper definitions to all the

popular classes of puzzles, and make efforts to have the same incorporated in the forthcoming edition of Weisster, and after a heated debate on the use of obsolet words, the following papers were read: "Chiesa as a Factor in Modern Puzzling," by Mand Lynn: "Bacon's Bi-Liver Classes," by Ba nyari; "Omar Kayran as a stary," by day nyari; "Omar Kayran as a stary," by day nyari; "Omar Kayran as a stary," by day nyari; "Puzzling," by Hocenta.

The pozz e men in the I mise Sta ten thous no, and publish in yearly directory, tendless having a number of official organs of the different leagues.

BYRNES AND THE BOSTON THIEVES. He Will Help the Officers of the "Hub" I They Ask Ilin Ald.

BOSTON, Dec. 27. -This city is fitted with New York thieves, who are operating successfully directly under the note of the Polles Department. But this is not caying much, for it is now under the artiments or conductors of publications devoted to | most inefficient management in its history. During most inefficient management in its history. During the past six weeks innumerable "second-story" robertees have taken piace, burgiantes have need committed right and left and many citizens have been garroled in the street even early in the eventual. The extent of the depreciations of these thieves is not publicly known, for Supt. Smail has ordered that no information be given the reporters. He has denrived the pince reporters of their desks in the building agd has refused them the all of a "ideater" which was between kept for their benefit. This because they connected on the robbertees. The lessificial statistics when the superinces entagonally for their benefits of each reporter of the superince and and the price secret they come out, and the papers are filled with reports capped with semantional headlines. Cilizens suggest that In spector Hyrnes be called on to furnish a quota of men to rid the town of desperadoes. It is a repetition of the times just after the war, when it was Harry R. Laboulsse, "Sigmund," New Orleans; tion of the times just after the war, when it was not safe to go out after dark for fear of sandbas men and garroters.

On the receipt of this descatch a World reporter was detailed to learn the truth or falsity of the report that Boston is being sacked by New York 'scrocks,' and if so, to learn the unines of some of the mon. From a man who has the name of knowing most of the liners of New York who garden and 'sclime' The Would reporter got much internation and toolight he information.

brose lient took his wounded brosher home, the latter sying in a few hours. It is said that ten men have been killed in the neighborhood and that no one has received any legal ponishment. An appeal has been made to Gov. Marmaduke to send troops to the scene.

Peter J. Peterson is Missing.

Peter Jeus Peterson, a elgarmaker, heretoforliving with C. Kuerschner, at 111 East Fourth street, is thought to have committed suicide by drowning in the East River. He disappared a few days ago. He was forty-five years of age, a German, five feet seven inches in height, with blond hair, cut short, high i rehead, slightly baid, thick, samy mustaene, brown eyes and straight nose. The foreinger of his right hand is crippled and stiff. d et it. When last seen be wore a dark brown coat, black

When hast seen he wore a dark brown coat, black and gray striped trousers and wostcoat, gatters with uppers made of one piece of leather, waite sairt, standing collar, brown necktie and breast-pin, new red undershirt and drawers. On his left hand was a plain gold welding ring. He is a member of Fanoo-Makers' Union No. 7, the eard of which he carried in his pocket.

A Bull Butta a Lecomotive. [From the Philadelphia Telegraph.]

A drawn fight between a bull and the locomotive of a passenger train on the East Pennsylvania Ratiroad occurred yesterday about a mile from Allentown. L. A. Gerhart, of Coopersburg, undertook
to drive two steers and a buil to that piace, and
started across the track of the road mentioned.
The cattle became bewildered at the sight of the
train and ray in front of the engine. The buil
made an effort to charge the monstrous becometive.
Its was thrown twelve feet in the air and landed
in a field near by, but was not seriously injured.
One of the steers was thrown under the engine and
had one leg cut off, in consequence of which it was
killed to end its misery. Ratiroad occurred yesterday about a mile from Al-

Bumped Against a Man with a Knife. While John Bonars, twenty-seven years old, of No. 151 Leonard street, was walking along Baxter street shortly after 1 o'clock this morning he met a man in froat of No. 25 Bexter street, and, bump-ing against him, got into a quarrel with him. The man drew a knife and stabbed Bonara in the left side of his neck and his left shoulder and then es-caped. Both highers were flesh wounds, which were dressed at Chambers Street Hospital.

Staten Island Notes

Henry Gebhardt, aged thirty, a carpenter residing on the Richmond Road, Stapheton, died at the Smith In-firmary yesterday from injuries received by falling from a scaffold at New Brighton. Although the ice on Silver Lake resterday was not more than two incites thick, everal hundred skaters growded the take and enjoyed fancy giding and violent tumbling until nightful.

tumbiling until nightfall.

It was abig day restorday for the 800 little orphans in Father Drumgoole's mission at Mount Loretto, Princess Bay. There were several manimoth Unristimas trees in the four large playrooms. Each child was presented with articles of clothing and toys.

Officer Sallivan, of the Richmond County police, was brutally assembled on Sunday night by John Calinhan, of New Brigifton. Calinhan and two other men knocked the officer down and kicked and beat him. Calinhan secaped, but two neen—Timothy Corwie and John S. Croke-ley—were arrested and locked up.

STOPPED ON THE TRESTLE.

lected-Foiled By the Brave Resistance of a Pacific Express Messenger-Threats to Burn the Car They Could Not Break Into-Escape of the Robbers. ISPECIAL TO THE WORLD.

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 26.—A passenger train on the Missouri, Esness and Texas Rullway was stopped at North Boguy, in the Choctaw Nation, five inites north of the low, at 4 o'clock this morning, by a tempt to rob the express and postal cars. The train was in charge of Conductor McCurrie, with Engineer W. T. Ragland at the throutie, It was behind time nearly two hours, but a stop was made at Stringtown to let off a passenger. At this point Engineer Ragiand saw two mer climb upon his engine as he pulled out. He ordered them off. They refused to go, and he repeated the order emphatically. They still declined to climb down, but erew their pistois and told the

en theer to move along lively. About four a lies from tit dogtown there is an from bilings across the North Bog.y. The mon questioned the engineer about the bridge and trestle asjoining, and when the engine cross d the trestle the engineer was ordered to put on brakes, which was done and the train came to a standstill with one of the passenger coaches over the trestle so the passengers could not cross. One of the party of masked men called out: "Is it all right, Jack?" Jack, one of his companions, who was stationed below, answered "Yes," whereupon Ragiand was old to get his cont ham her and accompany the he oregod no the manurer, compaed down from the cab and moved along the train until they got to the mail and bag_age coach, when one of the robbers climbed upon the steps of the postal car and knocked.

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ing who it was quickly shat and locked it. Discovering that they were at the postal car the two men moved Ragiand up to the express car. Pacific Express Messenger John Grimshaw was in charge, and when they arrived at his car door he was ordered to open her up. Grimshaw blew out the lightly selzed his pistol and made preparations to defend the express matter. Another peremptory order to open the car door failed to bring an answer, and Jack, the robber, said:

"Well, burn the — thing down; blow her to —, but we'll get in." Grimshaw would not fire through the door for fear of injuring Ragiand, and after a short consultation they ordered Hagiand to knock the door down. He declined to do so at first, but upon being informed that the pistol pointed at his head shot bullets as large as a tencent watermelon he commenced to hammer lightly upon the door.

"——it, hit her harder," suggested one of the men. He obeyed the command and the blows broke the gla-s in the door. Mr. Ragiand told the men the doors were barred at the top and button and that he could not knock it down. Thereupon they began firing their pistols through the door of the car. Other men along the road opened up with their guins and made things rather lively, firing twenty or thirty shots, while another man on the west side of the road kept up a fusilade until his pissols were empty.

At this juncture some one ran from the express car to the passenger coach, and one of the roubers seeing him, called out:

"Jack, the money is gone; what will we do?"

Jack answered:

"I don't know. Let's go."

The men then disappeared on the west side of the track and went over to the man who was in the bushes and was shooting so much when the engineer was battering on the door. Before leaving they told Ragiand not to "pull out" for five minutes, but ere they were out of sight the trail was steaming off for Aloka.

A better place could not be selected for a robbery, from the fact that it would be impossible to follow a trail through the dense undergrowth found there. The bog

FROM CONVICT TO PRIME MINISTER.

The Remantle Carrer of Count Andrassy, Once Sentenced to Beath.

TIENNA, Dec. 26. - Emperor Francis Joseph, in he letter which accompanied his Christmas gift to Count Andrassy, says that the present is given in recognition of the hospitality extended to the Emperor by Count Andrassy during the military manœuvres. The gift is generally believed, however, to have a political significance, the opinion being that the Emperor wished to express his approval of Count Andrassy's energetic policy. It is stated that when the Count returned from the Berlin Congress the Emperor wished to raise him to the rank of Prince, and asked several of the Hungarian Ministers to try to induce him to accept the honor. Count Andrassy, however, refused the title, and also declined to accept an order, so that the Emperor's only way to honor the Count was to send him an autograph letter of thanks, which is prized by the Count as the highest of his Austrian distinctions.

Count Julius Andrassy, who was born in 1823, was one of the leaders of the Hungarian Revolution against the Austrian Government in 1848, and was sentenced to death for the prominent part he took therein. Fortunately he succeeded in making his escape just in time, and sought refuge in England. On his arrival there in a state of complete destitution, he was most kindly and hospitably received by a young attache of the Austrian Consulate-General, who at the risk of his whole future and of immediate disgrace cared for the wants of the Hungarian patriot for many months The name of this young man was Ignatz von Schaesfer, who held the post of Austrian Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington until eighteen months ago. In 1857 a general amnesty enabled Count Andressy, who is the head of one of the oldest Hungarian families, to return to his native country. In 1800 he was elected Vice-President of the Hungarian Parliament, and in 1867, on the coronation of the Emperor and Empress of Austria as King and Queen of Hungary, he became Prime Minister of the Kingdom. Among the principal acts of his administration were the civil and political emancipation of the Hebrews. In 1871, on the resignation of Count Beust, he became Minister of Foreign Affairs and Premier of the entire Empire, and as such attended the Berlin Congress in 1978. rettring in the following year in consequence of his aversion to the maintenance of friendly relations aversion to the maintenance of friendly relations with lussia, a feeling which was perfectly natural in a Magyar mignate. Married to one of the most beautiful and statuesque women of her time, the Count is of slight and exceedingly elegant figure, with masses of brown curly hair and a singularly remedy et for from effeminate look. No greater contrast could be imagined than to see the Count and Prince Bismarck standingside by side in a box tone of the state performances of the Vietnances of the Vietnances of the Vietnances of the Vietnances. one of the state performances of the Vienni Lawyers to Have a Reception.

Among the enterta nments of the horiday week is the reception for ladies and gentlemen by the Lawyers' Downtown Club, Cards of invitation have been issued for Wednesday, Dec. 28. The Gov-ernors of the club are Chauncey M. Depew. Will-iam A. Duer, Jno. J. McCook, William D. Guthrie, William Allen Buller, Jr., James McKeen, Chas. Henry Buller, Edward Livingston Montgomery and

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS.

Adolph Ettinger, of 555 West Fifty-seventh street, died in the Roosevelt Hospital this morning from a fractured skull. The man was kicked in the head sy a horse last Friday. Coroner Messemer will sold an inquest.

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The following cases of sudden deaths were reported at the Coroner's office this morning: John Bianco, age twenty-five years, of 58 Mulberry street; John Barrougha, age seventy-one years, of 1947 Second avenue, and Elien Mooney, age forty-six years, of 358 First avenue.

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Trained as He Should Go.

[From the Chicago Tribune.] . Never paid any attention to the moral training "Never paid any attention to the moral training of that boy, did you say?" exclaimed the grieved and indignant father to the reverend gentleman who was making a pastoral visit. "Why, Mr. Goodman, I take that boy to church with me at tenat twice every sunday, and if he falls askep during the sermon, as he sometimes does, I tall him new wrong it is after we have gone home, and make him commit to memory two or three short pasins or a chapter in the Book of Levitlens before he ests anything or goes to bed. And yet," he added, sadly, "Georgey doesn't seem to improve. I'm atraid he inherits evil tendencies from his mother's people." mother's people.

Found Unconscious to the Street. Policeman McDonald, of the Prince street ats Policeman accounts, of the Frince street sta-tion, found a man lying in an epileptic fit at Spring and Greenwich streets early this morning and sent him to the Bellevne Ho pital. The man was about nfty-five years old, five test alone inch-s tall, with light complexion, bone eyes, black hair, mustache and chin waisters slightly sprinkled with gray.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. Gladstone left Hawarden pesterday en route for Venice. The schooner Mary G. Collins, from Norfolk for Somerset, Mass., joundare; on Dec. 21, drowning the captain and three men.

Hugh M. Brooks, now in jail in St. Louis for the murder of Presser, a tenished his fellow-prisoners yesterday by taking his first communion and be-coming a Catholic. A lamp in the Coliseum Theatre at Waxene'd, Wis., was overturned by a monkey yesterday and a confagration ensued, destroying property to the amount of \$100,000.

Mersenean Brothers & Davis, a dry-goods firm of Peorta, Ill., sasigned yesterday: Assets, \$10,000; liabilities, \$102,000, including \$14,000 to H. H. Clafin & Co., of this ct.y.

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In a range of mountains near the city of Guatemala a few days ago a desperate battle was fought between the federal and revolutionary forces, the latter suffering almost complete annihilation.

Abraham Post, a well-known citizen of Burlington, N. J., was talking to ex-Sheriff Hayes yesterday when his long beard came in contact with a cigar-lighter and ignited. His face was badly burned.

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Allen M. Clarke, a bookkeeper for L. Shanby
Davis, of New York City, committed suicide on
Christmas Day by jumping down a well on
his father's place in Pocomoke City, Worcester
County, Mo. Mrs. Moore, wife of Arthur C. Moore, a promin-ent lawyer of Columbia, S. C., while sitting by the fire on Christmas Day holding her little daughter in her arms, was shot by an unknown person con-cessed outside the window. She cannot survive.

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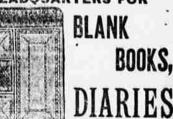
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James W. Williamson, President; Wm. M. Mid-dieton, Treesurer; C. H. Sewall, Secretary. Station, corner Washington and Barciay sts. Office, 56 Broad st. New York, Dec. 24, 1887.—In accordance with a resolution passed by the Trustees of this company to in-crease the capital stock to \$200, 00, a meeting for this

purpose will be held at the office of the company at neon on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, 1888. O. H. SEWALL. Secretary. AUCTION SALES.

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